



Nepal-England Education Support

Vinayak Shksha Niketan School, Thimi, Nepal

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EARTHQUAKE IN NEPAL

As you know, two major earthquakes have rocked Nepal in recent weeks with continuing aftershocks. It's a terrifying time for the school children and their families, many struggling to find basics like clean water and shelter. They desperately need your support.

With the support of the Rotary Club, we have initiated a "Fill The Bucket" programme to provide needy families with basic daily survival necessities including toothbrushes, soap, towels and dishes, and we need your help..



PLEASE DONATE

You can help respond to the urgent needs of the children and their families by lending your generous support by donating online at: www.fillthebucket.org

(all major credit cards accepted).

For more information on this initiative please read on...

How our School and Local Community has been Affected

Surendra Bikram Prajapati, the school's Headmaster, is working with the local Rotary Club of Madhyapur to coordinate relief, food, shelter and other necessities for local victims.

Surendra reports: "We all are ok here, thanks for your kind support and love to us. The situation is still worse and people are frightened to go back home. The number of deaths in Nepal is increasing day by day and needy victims are not able to get sufficient food, medical treatment and other necessities. We are trying our best to provide the different humanitarian services to needy victims around Bhsktspur, Kavre and Sindhupalchok, and raising funds from individuals and different organizations."

What we're Doing to Help

The Rotary Club of Madhyapur (RCM) has been involved in search and rescue work since immediately following the earthquake. It is supporting the most needy earthquake victims on a highest priority-of-need basis, after visiting the most severely affected areas. These most needy victims are facing very serious logistic, health, shelter, food, water, and other problems.

Volunteers and friends of the school are helping the local earthquake victims. With the support of the RCM, we are providing victims with meals, clean water and blue sheets, and have organised a medical check-up and medicine distribution programme. We have also started a programme to distribute relief buckets to needy earthquake victims around Thimi and Bhaktapur.

Relief Programme for Nepal Earthquake Victims

The devastating earthquake of 25 April was one of the most terrible natural disasters in the history of Nepal.

Not since the earthquake of 1934 has there been such extensive loss of life, injury, and widespread property damage.

According to U.N. data, 8 million people are affected by this natural disaster. Five thousand people have already died and an estimated 10,000 more people have been injured.

Moreover, a great many people living in rural, remote and isolated mountainous villages are still buried in their houses, or living outside on the bare ground, waiting for rescue.

Access to these areas is extremely difficult due to road blockages by the debris of collapsed buildings. Dirt roads become unnavigable when wet, which is the hazard currently as the monsoon rains begin.



The 'Fill the Bucket' Programme



Along with the "Join Hands With The Rotary Club to Fill The Bucket" relief project we plan to provide food, water, shelter, clothing, and medical / educational assistance to the earthquake-impacted families in all regions of Nepal — but mainly the most severely devastated regions where loss of life and property damage has been the greatest.

Our "Fill The Bucket" programme helps to provide daily basic survival necessities for families. "Filling The Bucket" costs about \$25 and assists families for at least a week.



How you can help

You can help respond to the urgent needs of the children and their families by lending your generous support to this programme by donating online at: www.fillthebucket.org (all major credit cards are accepted).

One 'Bucket' Comprises:

- 1. One Plastic Bucket
- 2. One packet of spices
- 3. Five dinner plates with spoons
- 5. Toilet soap - one bar
- 6. A towel
- 7. Tooth paste and tooth brush
- 8. Five Packets of ORS.



We are hoping to provide 1000 buckets at \$25 each, for a total spend of \$25,000, through your kind donations.



Support for an Education Program for the Children of Earthquake Victims

Besides the immediate need to help the earthquake victims with basic survival necessities, The Rotary Club of Madhyapur is also concerned about the need for educating the children of families affected by the earthquake, and is initiating support for them in order to continue their uninterrupted schooling.

There are nearly 10,000 students who became homeless as a result of the earthquake. Parents have found themselves suddenly unable to afford their children's education due to loss of family members, property and livelihood.

We provide short term support to these children to buy books, stationery, uniforms and school tuition. It may cost about \$300 each year for these kinds of families.

But a second type of more severe situation involves children who lost their parents and property, and may need some extra services beyond those listed above, and some long term support to complete their basic education. Local school authorities can accommodate some children at local school orphanages with relatives of the children's families providing for their food and education. It may cost about \$500 annually for each child in this category. We estimate that there are about 700 children in need of temporary support and 300 children in need of regular long term support to continue their education around the Bhakatpur, Kavre and Sindhupalchok district .





The Estimated Budget for School Children

1. Temporary Support: 700 children x \$300 = \$21000.
2. Regular & Long Term Support: 300 children x \$500 = \$15000.
3. Total Budget Required for Education program: \$36,000.



Your Donations

We invite your generous donations for the needy earthquake victim families in order to help them return their lives to normal.

Please visit our website www.fillthebucket.org to make an online donation.

Thank you everyone for your kind prayers and support for Nepal.



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